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PLANS SPRING SOWING CAMPAIGN

The Council of Ministers has issued the following instructions for the spring sowing campaign:

1. Before 31 January, the okoliya and local people's soviets will inform individual farmers of the enforced sowing plan for the following spring crops: wheat, rice, corn, barley, oats, beans, sunflower, tobacco, cotton, fibrillous flax, hemp, soy beans, turnips, and sugar beets.
2. At the same time they will inform Farm Workers' Cooperatives of the enforced sowing plan for the following spring crops: wheat, rice, corn, barley, oats, potatoes, beans, soy beans, alfalfa, fodder beets, sunflower, rape, oleaginous flax, cotton, fibrillous flax, tobacco, lallelantia (an oil-bearing plant), sugar beets, roses, truck produce, grapes, and seeds (vegetable, fodder, etc.).
3. Absentee owners are advised to delegate, prior to 10 February, an agent for their property who will be responsible to the sowing committee for the fulfillment of the plan; those who fail to fulfill the assignments will be deprived of their land for the duration of one harvest season, and the land will be rented to a Farm Workers' Cooperative.
4. Local people's soviets and Fatherland Front organizations will be held responsible for the establishment of sowing plans in every village. The plans will be discussed and approved at public meetings.
5. The Central Cooperative Union, the Ministries of Domestic Trade and of Foreign Trade, the Bulgarian state tobacco monopoly, the Sugar Industry, and the Canning Industry state industrial organizations, the Rila Flax-Samokov state industrial enterprise, the Bulgarian Produce Export state trade enterprise, the Ministry of Industry or the Textile Fibers state enterprise, the Ministry of Agriculture or the Agricultural Supply state enterprise, and the Ministry of Foreign Trade or the Bulgarian Rose state enterprise, are requested to send representatives to every okoliya in order to conclude the following contracts:

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- a. Until 10 February 1950: contracts for potatoes, lallemantia, ricin, poppies, sugar beets, and fine grapes.
- b. Until 20 February 1950: contracts for soy beans, peanuts, rice, tobacco, cotton, and vegetable and fodder seeds.
- c. Until 28 February: contracts for berries, raspberries, currants, roses, and essential-oil plants.
- d. The agents will report the progress of contract work daily to the people's soviets, the latter will report twice weekly to the okoliya people's soviet, and they, in turn, will report every Friday to the district soviet, which will present the final report to the Ministry of Agriculture on Saturday before 1000 hours. The sowing progress must be carefully watched by the contracting agents and any failures immediately reported to the soviets and the ministry.

The following sowing material must be prepared:

1. Cleaning and disinfecting equipment for wheat, barley, and oat seed, and cleaning equipment for vetch and alfalfa.
 2. Until 30 January, okoliya and local people's soviets will prepare seed-cleaning machines, establish seed-cleaning centers in every village, and appoint supervisors responsible for their operation.
 3. It will be prohibited to clean and disinfect seed outside of these centers.
 4. For better control of cleaning operations, supervisors will keep a journal showing the names of farmers, the sowing area, the kind of seed, and the quantity transmitted for cleaning and disinfecting.
 5. A 2-percent solution of bluestone (copper sulfate) will be used for disinfecting spring wheat and rice, using 4 liters for every 100 kilograms of seed; barley will be disinfected with a solution of a mercury preparation, using 60 grams of the preparation to 3 liters of water for every 100 kilograms of seed. Oats will be disinfected with formalin (27-percent formaldehyde solution), using one liter to 100 liters of water; 4 liters of this solution will disinfect 100 kilograms of seed.
- Agricultural Supply (Zemsrab) is requested to treat 3,500 tons of cotton seed with sulfuric acid. The Ministry of Industry is requested to provide four additional molds before 1 March for treating seed with sulfuric acid.
6. The Ministry of Agriculture is requested to provide 500 wooden molds before 10 February. The Ministry of Forestry will provide the necessary wood.
 7. Farmers will pay a fee of 40 stotinki a kilogram for cleaning by hand-operated sorters, and 60 stotinki for mechanical sorters.
 8. Seed distributed to needy farmers will be previously processed in cleaning and disinfecting centers.
 9. The Ministry of Agriculture will provide the requested disinfectants before 25 January.
 10. The okoliya people's soviets will test the germinative capacity of the seed, with special attention to corn seed from communal and state warehouses. The testing deadline is 30 January, extended to 1 March for corn seed.

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11. The agricultural services of district and okoliya people's soviets will conduct an intensive educational campaign throughout January and February, stressing the necessity of seed cleaning and disinfecting, and giving special attention to barley and oats, which are affected by brand every year.

The supply of sowing and planting material will be regulated as follows:

1. The Ministry of Agriculture will provide the Ministry of Domestic Trade, or the Central Grain Supply Administration, with a plan for the delivery of seed to the okoliya and to the distribution centers before 20 January.
2. The Ministry of Domestic Trade, or the Main Administration of Grain Supply, will deliver the seed to the centers indicated by the Ministry of Agriculture not later than 15 February, and the Ministry of Transportation will be provided with a daily plan indicating the amount of seed tonnage destined for delivery.
3. The Ministry of Transportation is advised to operate seed transports speedily and to grant a priority to such operations.
4. The Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Domestic Trade or the Main Administration of Grain Supply, and the Ministry of Transportation will each appoint a responsible representative in charge of the entire seed transport and delivery program.
5. Okoliya and local people's soviets will take strict measures to control the volume of seed used by the farmers. Seed will be delivered only after a check of actual requirements. After the harvest, the seed for each crop must be returned with a 3-percent increase.
6. The Ministry of Industry and the state agricultural enterprises must furnish the seed provided by the plan of the Ministry of Agriculture before 15 February.
7. The same measures apply to vegetable sowing.
8. The Central Cooperative Union and either the Ministry of Industry or the Canning Industry state industrial organization will provide red pepper seed in the areas dedicated to the culture of this crop.
9. The Ministry of Agriculture and its related organizations and the Tobacco Monopoly will provide seedlings for tobacco and vegetables and promote the production of these commodities.
10. The Ministry of Agriculture and the state sanitary and pharmaceutical enterprise will provide planting material for the planned production of valerian. The Bulgarian Rose state enterprise will use the entire stock of mint seedlings for the production plan of this commodity.
11. The Ministries of Agriculture and Forestry will provide all the materials needed for the planned production of seedlings, such as lumber, glass plate and nails for hothouses, etc., until 30 April. The Ministries of Foreign Trade, Industry, and Electrification will provide cement, lumber, nails, sheet-iron, power, and pipe lines for the overhauling of irrigation installations on truck farms.
12. The Ministry of Agriculture and the improvement section of the Ministry of Electrification will complete the irrigation installation in the Sofia vegetable belt until 30 April.

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13. The Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of the Interior are requested to transmit to the Sofia People's Soviet their surplus quotas of stable manure for the fertilization of the Sofia vegetable belt.

14. The Institute of Serums and Vaccines will produce 100,000 doses of the "Radiksoya-Professor Markov" vaccine for the bacterial inoculation of soy bean seeds.

Minor agricultural equipment, especially seed drills, must be repaired and overhauled before 25 January. Commissions established in every village will check the entire stock of agricultural tools. A schedule for repair work will be set up throughout the country, with a deadline on 28 February. Prices for repair work will be fixed by the okoliya people's soviets. The Ministry of Public Works will provide the necessary material. The carbon dioxide department of the Ministry of Industry will provide oxygen for workshops engaged in repair work. The Agricultural Supply enterprise will provide coal for the foundries. The Ministry of Industry is to provide the Ministry of Agriculture with 250,000 bolts and 3,000 rubber tubes for seed drills until the end of February, and 150,000 bolts for tractor ploughs. The Ministry of Foreign Trade and the Metalimport enterprise are requested to speed the delivery of tractor belts, radiators, magnets, grinding mills, 6- and 12-volt bulbs, G-30 dynamos, and other parts required by the Ministry of Agriculture, according to specifications. The Ministry of Foreign Trade is also requested to provide 100 tons of ploughshares for tractor ploughs until 15 February.

The Patrol state enterprise under the Ministry of Domestic Trade will provide 60 percent of the necessary fuel and lubricants until 1 March.

The machine-tractor stations will overhaul their machinery before 28 February.

Seed drills must be used throughout the country to their fullest capacity. Indigent farmers may rent drills from the local people's soviets.

The Ministry of Agriculture will study and publish all necessary instructions for soil preparation before the end of January.

The following sowing schedules will be applied:

1. Wheat, rye, barley, oats, and poppies will be sown until 15 March, and in mountainous regions until the end of March.
2. Vetch, sunflower, rape, lallemantia, flax, hemp, alfalfa, and peas will be sown until the end of March.
3. Potatoes, sugar beets, fodder beets, ricin, soy, and lentils, until 5 April in southern Bulgaria, and 10 April in the northern part.
4. Corn and beans, until the end of April in the lowlands, and until 10 May in the higher and mountainous areas.
5. Peanuts and millet, until 15 May.
6. Rice, until 15 May in southern Bulgaria, and until 20 May in the northern part.
7. Cotton, until 30 April in southern Bulgaria, and until 10 May in the northern part.
8. Tobacco will be planted until 20 June in the southern areas, and until 30 June in the higher areas.

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Farmers who fail to sow their crops according to the above schedule will be deprived of the land assigned for those crops for the duration of one harvest season, and the land will be rented to cooperatives or landless farmers.

The Ministry of Agriculture will maintain strict control of all spring-sowing operations. Furthermore, the local and okoliya people's soviets will establish sowing committees before 30 January. The district people's soviets will form committees of three for the control and supervision of the campaign, consisting of the chairman of the agricultural economy department, a representative of the Bulgarian Communist Party, and a representative of the Fatherland Front. The committees will establish work plans before 31 January; they will be assisted by a group of foremen. The committees will check the efficiency of these foremen before 30 January; those who fail to accomplish their work will be replaced by more active members of the Fatherland Front and some efficient farmers, preferably of the younger generation.

The okoliya will be divided into sowing sectors, each of them including several villages. Every sector will be supervised by an agriculturist or by an experienced farmer. The three-member committees will be provided with automobiles, allowing for speedy inspection tours; 14 automobiles will be rented for this purpose by the Ministry of Agriculture from the national militia (police force).

Agricultural personnel may be transferred from one okoliya to another. The personnel will be recruited from farm workers' cooperatives, machine-tractor stations, agricultural schools, and experimental centers.

Until 1 May, okoliya and district people's soviets and okoliya committees of the Communist Party and the Fatherland Front will receive double gasoline rations for every vehicle engaged in the campaign. Tobacco and cotton-growing okoliya will continue to receive double rations through May and June, until the end of the respective sowing campaigns.

District okoliya will wire reports indicating the volume of sown areas to the Ministry of Agriculture; they will simultaneously dispatch written reports on areas and crops sown in the particular okoliya. Reports will be made twice weekly. Contracting agents will report to the ministry once a week about the progress of contract sowing.

The sowing campaign will be accompanied by an intensive educational campaign. The press and radio organs of Sofia, Stalin, and Stara Zagora will give wide space to sowing propaganda and to the contests and their results. The Ministry of Agriculture and the Trade and Craft Union will prepare an extensive plan for competitions.

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